

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 entitled “RELATED APPLICATIONS AND PATENTS” with the following amended paragraph:

The present application is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 10/627,914 filed July 28, 2003, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/709,560, filed November 13, 2000, which is a division of application Serial No. 09/223,311, filed Dec. 30, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,209,479).

Page 10, line 6, delete the following line in its entirety:

~~Fig. 6 is a graphic depiction of the results of a test of the method of the invention.~~